

Judy's Jottings

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Dear Family and Friends



Here is a recent photo of the students we have this year.

It is very slowly beginning to cool down a little. It is still hot and humid, but not as much as last month. This past weekend we were supposed to have a storm hit us, but it changed direction over night and missed us completely.

School is going well. Recently in reading Saul read a story about making a drink with juice and ice, so we made our own book about it. Saul made the drink with the help of his brother Gaby. Had hoped to include a photo but it's on my lap top and I can't access it right now. There are three children in the family. Kioney is 9, Saul is 7 and Gaby is 5. Kioney and Saul are both deaf, but Gaby is hearing. Gaby has been coming to school with us to learn how to communicate with his deaf siblings. Next year Gaby will move into the public school system with his hearing peers.

In our preschool class we have three students. Juan and Paola come from another island to attend school here. Juan has been coming here for several years, but Paola is new. They come with their mother and grandmother on the ferry every day. Juan stays in the dorms every other week from Tuesday through Thursday. The third class member is Lara Michele the hearing sibling of our oldest girl Larimar. Lara Michele is like Gaby and comes to school to learn to communicate with her sister. As she is not yet three she just comes on a Monday and Friday in the morning for three hours.

One recent Saturday we went to visit the caves. Betsy and I have been down to the caves before, so we found places to sit and read while Casey and Stefanie went exploring. When we had finished there we



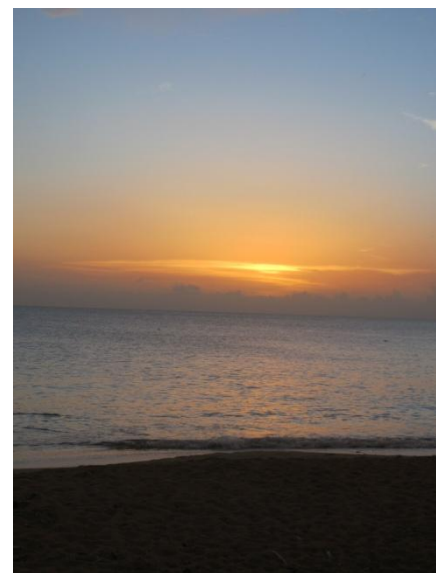
went to the nearby town of Lares where you can buy different flavours of PR ice cream. The choices ranged from standard flavours to garlic, ginger, rice and beans, to name but a few. I ended up with my favourite passion fruit and coconut. Every town here has a plaza with the mayors office and a Catholic church on the perimeter. In Lares they have a tiled map of PR. Here you can see Stefanie on the left standing on Lares and Casey standing on Luquillo so you can see how far we traveled that day.

Last Friday was a holiday, so Betsy and I traveled to the other end

of the island to visit Rincon, which has a world renown surfing beach. We stayed two nights in a little place there with air conditioning. It was lovely to have a comfortable cool room to sleep in. Most of the time away we spent relaxing by the pool and reading books on our kindles. (I have recently been blessed with a kindle by a friend who updated hers. I really love it.) We did a little exploring of the area as well. We saw the light house and the various beaches.

In the evening we returned to the beach to watch the sunset. I came home on Saturday afternoon feeling relaxed and refreshed.

I am still waiting to hear about my visa situation. The beginning of November is getting closer and then I can phone to check where things are at. In the mean time I continue to have peace and assurance that I am where God wants me to be.



Right now I am having lap top problems. The button to turn on my computer has moved out of alignment and so I can't turn on my computer. I am trying to get in touch with the warranty people, but the waiting time to speak to someone has been no less than 50 minutes. Those of you who have Skype and talk to me through this method will have to wait until it is fixed to be able to connect with me again.

Think that is all the news from here for now. Thank you so much to each and everyone of you for your prayers and financial support. I really appreciate the way you partner with me so I can be God's hands in this place.

Love and blessing

Judy

Praise:

*** For a wonderful time of rest and refreshment**

*** For the volunteers God has been providing to cut the lawns, do the gardens, and cook lunches for us**

*** For the many people who help to support the school financially so it can continue to share God's love with the attending students and their families**

Pray for:

- **My visa situation to be soon resolved**
- **The students to understand at a deeper level the incredible love that God has for them**
- **God's choice to be gain power in the elections coming up in early November**
- **Safety as we live out our lives here. There have been some shootings recently.**